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SUBJ: EGYPT GEARS UP FOR AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

1. GOE AND ARAB LEAGUE LABORIOUSLY GETTING INTO GEAR FOR
MARCH 7 AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. SOME EFFORT BEING MADE TO SPRUCE
UP CITY, PARTICULARLY REPAVING OF NILE CORNICHE, WHICH WILL

BE MUCH TRAVELLED BY HIGH LEVEL DELEGATES. GOE HAS TAKEN
OVER ALL MAJOR AND SOME NOT SO MAJOR HOTELS, AND WORD IS OUT
THAT CAIRO DEFINITELY NO PLACE TO VISIT WHILE SUMMIT IS IN
SESSION.

2. POSSIBLE AGENDA. FEBRUARY 25 PAPERS ANNOUNCED THAT ARAB
LEAGUE HAS COMPLETED ITS PAPER WORK FOR SUMMIT AND HAS VARIETY
OF DOCUMENTS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO HEADS OF STATE WHEN THEY
ARRIVE. AMONG ARAB LEAGUE PAPERS ARE PROGRAM FOR AFRO-ARAB
COOPERATION DRAFTED IN DAKAR IN APRIL '76, PROPOSALS ON EXECUTIVE
AGENCIES FOR COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC FILEDS, UNPUBLISHED POLITICAL
DECLARATION AGREED UPON IN LUSAKA, AND ACCOUNT OF ARAB STEPS TO
PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH AFRICANS.
WE UNDERSTAND SOME AFRICANS HAVE NOT BEEN ALTOGETHER PLEASED
WITH GOE HANDLING OF SUMMIT THUS FAR; E.G. MAURITIUS AMBASSADOR'S
GRUMBLING OVER LACK OF TIMELY PREPARATION OF AGENDA, WHICH HE
SAYS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF MINSTATE MUHAMMAD RIAD.

3. SUMMIT GETTING HEAVY PRESS PLAY. PREDICTABLY, ARAB ROLE
BEING FEATURED OUT OF ALL PROPORTION. VISITING HEADS OF STATE
WILL DOUBTLESS RECEIVE AMPLE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY DURING SUMMIT,
BUT GOE NOT LIKELY LET ANYONE FORGET THAT CAIRO IS CENTER OF
ARAB-AFRICAN WORLD.

4. OUR ARAB LEAGUE AND GOE CONTACTS SEEM TO VIEW WHOLE SPECTACLE
WITH LETHARGY, MIXED WITH MILD ALARM AT LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE
THEY MUST SOON CONFRONT. WE WILL SEEK FULL BRIEFINGS BY MFA AND
ARAB LEAGUE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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